

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1328

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AMENDING SECTION 56-1012, IDAHO
CODE, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 56-1012, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

56-1012. DEFINITIONS. As used in sections 56-1011 through 56-1023,
Idaho Code:

(1) "Advanced emergency medical technician" means a person who has met
the qualifications for licensure as set forth in sections 56-1011 through
56-1023, Idaho Code, is licensed by the EMS bureau under sections 56-1011
through 56-1023, Idaho Code, carries out the practice of emergency care
within the scope of practice determined by the commission and practices un-
der the supervision of an Idaho licensed physician.

(2) "Agency" means any organization licensed by the EMS bureau that op-
erates an air medical service, ambulance service or nontransport service.

(3) "Air ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned fixed wing
aircraft or rotary wing aircraft used for, or intended to be used for, the
transportation of persons experiencing physiological or psychological ill-
ness or injury who may need medical attention during transport. This may
include dual or multipurpose vehicles which otherwise comply with sections
56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and specifications established by
board rule.

(4) "Air medical service" means an agency licensed by the EMS bureau
that responds to requests for patient care and transportation from hospitals
and EMS agencies using a fixed wing aircraft or rotary wing aircraft.

(5) "Ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned motor vehicle
or nautical vessel used for, or intended to be used for, the transportation
of sick or injured persons who may need medical attention during transport.
This may include dual or multipurpose vehicles which otherwise comply with
sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, and specifications estab-
lished by board rule.

(6) "Ambulance service" means an agency licensed by the EMS bureau op-
erated with the intent to provide personnel and equipment for medical treat-
ment at an emergency scene, during transportation or during transfer of per-
sons experiencing physiological or psychological illness or injury who may
need medical attention during transport.

(7) "Applicant" means any organization that is requesting an agency li-
cense under this chapter and includes the following:

(a) An organization seeking a new license;

(b) An existing agency that intends to change the level of licensed per-
sonnel it utilizes;

(c) An existing agency that intends to change its geographic coverage area, except by agency annexation;

(d) An existing nontransport service that intends to provide ambulance service;

(e) An existing ambulance service that intends to discontinue transport and become a nontransport service.

(8) "Board" means the Idaho board of health and welfare.

(9) "Commission" means the Idaho emergency medical services physician commission.

(10) "Department" means the Idaho department of health and welfare.

(11) "Emergency medical responder" means a person who has met the qualifications for licensure as set forth in sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, is licensed by the EMS bureau under sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, carries out the practice of emergency care within the scope of practice determined by the commission and practices under the supervision of an Idaho licensed physician.

(12) "Emergency medical services" or "EMS" means ~~the system utilized in responding to a perceived individual need for immediate care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury~~ aid rendered by an individual or group of individuals who do the following:

(a) Respond to a perceived need for medical care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury;

(b) Are prepared to provide interventions that are within the scope of practice as defined by the commission;

(c) Use an alerting mechanism to initiate a response to requests for medical care; and

(d) Offer, advertise or attempt to respond as described in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this subsection.

Aid rendered by a ski patroller, as described in section 54-1804(1) (h), Idaho Code, is not EMS.

(13) "EMS bureau" means the bureau of emergency medical services of the department.

(14) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who has met the qualifications for licensure as set forth in sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, is licensed by the EMS bureau under sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, carries out the practice of emergency care within the scope of practice determined by the commission and practices under the supervision of an Idaho licensed physician.

(15) "Licensed personnel" means those individuals who are emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

(16) "National emergency medical services information system technical assistance center" means an organization that validates software for compliance with the EMS data set defined by the United States department of transportation national highway traffic safety administration.

(17) "Nontransport service" means an agency licensed by the EMS bureau, operated with the intent to provide personnel or equipment for medical sta-

1 bilization at an emergency scene, but not intended to be the service that
2 will actually transport sick or injured persons.

3 (18) "Nontransport vehicle" means any vehicle operated by an agency
4 with the intent to provide personnel or equipment for medical stabilization
5 at an emergency scene, but not intended as the vehicle that will actually
6 transport sick or injured persons.

7 (19) "Paramedic" means a person who has met the qualifications for li-
8 censure as set forth in sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code, is li-
9 censed by the EMS bureau under sections 56-1011 through 56-1023, Idaho Code,
10 carries out the practice of emergency care within the scope of practice de-
11 termined by the commission and practices under the supervision of an Idaho
12 licensed physician.

13 (20) "Supervision" means the medical direction by a licensed physician
14 of activities provided by licensed personnel affiliated with a licensed
15 ambulance, air medical or nontransport service, including, but not limited
16 to: establishing standing orders and protocols, reviewing performance of
17 licensed personnel, providing instructions for patient care via radio or
18 telephone, and other oversight.

19 (21) "Transfer" means the transportation of a patient from one (1) medi-
20 cal care facility to another.